

London Pictures by Richard Willis

Interesting Resume of the Important Events of the Week.

THEY WANT PAY FOR MEMBERS

Trades Unions Desire to Have Representatives in Parliament Receive Salaries Sufficient for Campaign Expenses. Threatened Campaign Epidemic.

London, Nov. 24.—On Tuesday evening last the parliamentary committee of the Trades Union congress waited upon the prime minister to urge the government to make provision for the payment of members and also for the expenses of the returning officers. They pointed out that the members of the colonies all paid their representatives and thereby returned men who were in a position to understand questions pertaining to labor matters, whereas in England when a poor or a working man was returned he was obliged to depend upon precarious subscriptions, which moneys are collected from the laboring classes. The annual sum recommended, £300, would enable suitable men to return to parliament and to attend to their duties in an efficient manner. Lord Rosebery in reply promised to do all he could in the matter, but appealed for reasonable time to send through a formidable list of bills already pledged next session. Scotland, Wales and very much Ireland and even England were all pressing for first consideration, and what is a poor Liberal government to do? The deputation then said that Mr. Lord Rosebery was a very nice man and gracefully withdrew. If the subject comes up next session it will undoubtedly attract a great amount of attention, as the arguments embraced by the trades committee are just and fraught with great common sense.

Is life worth living? is a question not to be lightly asked in the presence of bagpipers. On occasions the Scots guards terrify the babies in the London parks and the Highland pipers usually are one big screech combined with a wail, but one composes oneself and bears up, so to speak—on land. But now the martial music is going abroad. "Why," says Lord Rosebery, "should not sailor boys have their bagpipes as well as Tommy Atkins?" and seeing no reason, he promptly presented the captain of the training ship Calcutta on the Firth, with a check for £50 in order to provide the ship with a bagpipe band! There is more in this than meets the eye, for given an ironclad and a healthy troupe of bagpipers where is the enemy that could stand the strain? No, bagpipers and Briton will still rule the waves.

Mr. Asquith, the able young home secretary, has been addressing a few earnest words to the Liberals of Birmingham urging them to unite for the good of their party. At one time Birmingham was a veritable hotbed of Radicalism, but at the time that the home rule question came up and Mr. Chamberlain announced himself an Unionist, a tremendous split took place and "Brimmar" has veered round to Conservatism. The personality of Joey had a great deal to do with this, as there is no more popular man in the town. He is, by the way, still making scathing and vigorous speeches in different parts of the country, and is especially hot on the home rule question. Joey likes breadth and quantity and that is why he makes such a butt of portly Sir William Harcourt, who has returned to town very much improved in health.

Every high bridge is responsible for a certain number of deaths and the new tower bridge will be no exception to the rule. As a rule the drowned are suicides, and occasionally a man kills himself attempting a foolish dive. A famous diver in the person of Ben Fuller has just met his death in this manner. He has made one or two attempts already, but has been stopped by the police, but on Sunday he eluded them and ascended by means of a private trap door, used by the workmen to get at the roof. He then quietly dived himself of his clothes and dived—or, rather, jumped feet first into the water, a distance of 250 feet. The poor fellow fell with a fearful splash, was seen to rise to the surface and put his hands to his face and then disappeared. The body has not been found. For years past the man has been going through dangerous performances, starting with the Monte Cristo sack feat in which Fuller was tied in a sack and dropped from a height into the water, once from London bridge, and he had just concluded an engagement at the aquarium, where he dropped a feet first into a tank six feet deep from the roof. His last foolhardy attempt was purely for advertisement.

The floods all over England are subsiding. The greatest distress prevails, and large sums of money are being sent to various parts where the poor people have mostly suffered. Windsor the queen has kept the kitchen staff busy making soup, and a regiment of soldiers have been carrying round provisions at Eton college, which is on the opposite side of the river. All the boys have been sent home and it will be some time before the venerable college will be habitable again. At Bath the authorities are at the wit's end to cope with the distress, and the damage done is enormous. At Datchet the people are still confined to the upper rooms and the village narrowly escaped that demolition owing to the bursting of old Windsor lock and the consequent liberation of vast volumes of water, which rushed through the streets, carrying trees, piling, masses of shrubbery and dead carcasses of cattle along in the torrent. Navigation was impossible and the unfortunate inhabitants were nearly starved when relieved.

A dastardly attempt has been made to wreck the Bournemouth express. Three men placed a large sleeper on the line, but fortunately the engine passed the sleeper before it and finally got it jammed between the wheels and beyond a rough shaking the passengers suffered no further hurt. A man now in custody was found looting about the spot and was put in a cell with a sapper of the Royal engineers, who told the magistrate an extraordinary story the following morning. It appeared that this fellow prisoner had unbundled his mind to the young sapper. He said that he and two friends intending to do some mischief had put a log on the line, but the train came along and carried the sleeper away. They were not at all satisfied with the experiment and put another obstruction on the line in the hopes that a train coming the opposite way would fall into the water, but the poor fellows were disgusted to find that the engine merely splintered the wood, so they ran home to supper.

Hypnotism and How to Practice It

The Operator Requires No Occult Power or Special Qualities.

POST-HYPNOTIC SUGGESTIONS

Claims of the German and French Schools on the Subject of the Operator's Will—Some Very Interesting Recent Studies.

Despite a very prevalent belief to the contrary, there is nothing of the occult in hypnotism. The operator requires no special power or qualities. A school-boy, had he patience, could produce the same phenomena as the most learned scientist. To hypnotize a person it is only necessary to get him into a state of bright to look at, with the suggestion that after awhile the eyes will grow very tired, will close and he will go quietly to sleep. This is the method used by Bernheim, the head of the German School of Hypnotists. He says "The will of the operator has nothing to do with making a subject sleep. On the other hand, Charcot, of the French school, claims that the influence of the mind is largely responsible for the subject's sleep, and that only nervous or hysterical persons may be hypnotized. As Bernheim has succeeded in hypnotizing every one on whom he has had an opportunity to experiment, his theory is the one generally accepted. Simply looking at something bright is not all that is necessary to make a person sleep, says a writer in the St. Louis Star-Sayings. No one can be hypnotized against his will. This subject must, therefore, consent to be experimented upon, and should feel perfect confidence in the person conducting the trial.

To obtain the best results, place the subject in an easy chair with instructions to assume the most comfortable position possible. Give him something bright—almost anything will do; a cork wrapped in tinfoil answering very nicely—and let him look fixedly at this. His gaze should not be removed under any pretext whatever. In the course of a few minutes his eyes will grow very heavy, will close slowly, and a perceptible fluttering of the eyelids will be noticeable. When this stage is reached the operator should give the suggestion to sleep. For this the voice must be low, but perfectly distinct and firm so as to command obedience. If the suggestion has been properly given the subject's eyes now close and he will sleep more or less profoundly. Suggest then that he sleep soundly until told to awake.

The Five Stages. He is now in the first stage of the hypnotic trance. Bernheim divides this trance into five stages, so closely allied that it is almost impossible to distinguish between them. Three stages are all that the ordinary investigator need notice. First, lethargy; second, cataleptic state is often entirely absent, unless the patient is told that his muscles are rigid, either in the whole or in part of his body. After sleeping from two to twenty minutes the subject enters the third stage, that of somnambulism. He will now obey any suggestion made to him; will open his eyes (having been first cautioned that, though he does so, he will be still asleep), will walk about and even carry on an animated conversation. He will do whatever he is told to by the hypnotizer.

Care must be taken, however, in making suggestions to a person hypnotized for the first time. The patient is in a state of unusual mental susceptibility. He hears and sees, without realizing, everything that goes on about him. He knows that he is in the center of attention, and a feeling of shyness comes over him. He even resists in a measure doing what he is told. It is because of this peculiar sensitiveness of an inexperienced subject that a request of an unexpected character will startle him frequently to such an extent as to cause him to awake.

The Trained Subject. The more frequent a person is hypnotized the more easily he complies with the demands made upon him, until, in the course of time, crying out loud according to the person's susceptibility to outside influences, he becomes what is known in technical language as a "good subject." The most important thing for a person experimenting in hypnotism to learn is the art of awaking a sleeping subject. Here come in the unexplained phenomena of post-hypnotic suggestion, or the carrying out after awakening of a suggestion made while asleep.

To awaken a subject by simply bidding him to do so is to take chances. Owing to the unusual condition in which the hypnotized person has been, it is not improbable that he would awaken with a start, possibly having a severe headache and feeling so drowsy that he would insist upon again going to sleep. To avoid this the operator should use some such formula as "I am now about to awake you. You will have no head ache or pain of any kind. You will feel comfortable and happy. You will be rested and refreshed from your sleep, and will remember nothing that happened while you slept. When I count three, your eyes will open and you will be wide awake."

If the experimenting is done in the evening it is well to add the caution that the patient will sleep well that night. These suggestions given, proceed to count three slowly and distinctly. At the last word the subject's eyes will open, and in the course of a minute or two he will have shaken off the feeling of drowsiness still present when the eyes first closed.

Post-Hypnotism. The field of post-hypnotic suggestion seems unlimited. A good subject, in rapport with the hypnotizer, will carry out after awakening almost any suggestion which has been made.

To a subject recently hypnotized by the writer the suggestion was given that he knew nothing of the vowels E and I. After awaking he was requested to write the word "weight." Without hesitation he wrote "wight." Told that his spelling was wrong, he insisted that it was not, but that the spelling was a new one, which had been recently adopted. The word "weight" he refused to write, saying that he had forgotten the word. Asked to repeat the alphabet, he ran through it very rapidly, omitting the letters specified. He did this much more rapidly than any one else in the company, who, in a normal state, attempted the same feat. In the course of a few minutes the letter "E" came back to his memory, and later still the letter "E."

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WELSH NEWS NOTES.

Samuel Bissett, who murdered his wife at Down on Aug. 15, by deliberately striking her, was sentenced to twenty years' penal servitude. Hwa Mon, who has been elected archdruid in place of the late Chwydard, visited the states a few years ago, and among other places preached at Scranton. This is how one of the bards has sung to the historic meeting of the Gorsedd committee.

Yn y Mwythig cawn lawn by-4 arwain Derwyd'r Brenhinlys; A Hwa Mon o'r Fain Ys. At bump bardd dan ei bump bys. A lady who knew Switzerland and other parts of the continent aught some time ago at Conwil station, near Carmarthen, and was so charmed with the scenery that she exclaimed that there was no other like Wales, or especially Conwil.

Elfrondy, the recorder of the Gorsedd, whose agitation at the meeting of the Gorsedd committee on Friday was so evident, has described himself as the "ever young" Gworrfaon. He is one of the readiest and most eloquent of the Gorsedd orators, and is a great favorite with the audience as easy as breathing.

The Gorsedd rejoices that the threatened dissolution in connection with the Methodist Hymn Book was successfully avoided. Recently the Rev. J. G. Morgan, publishes a long review of Professor Hugh Williams' pamphlet on Baptism. It contends that Professor Williams has formed a small sub-committee, and that his pamphlet practically condemns all that the Baptists have always contended for. The Herald has an article on foreign politics, and the "Politic Notes" in the Tyst praises Mr. Lloyd George, and says that he has improved immensely as a public speaker during the last three years.

The Gorseddists to mind the fact that the National Council which met at Llan-drindod, at the end of August last, determined to convene a representative gathering of Welsh Liberals from all parts. A small sub-committee was appointed to make all the necessary arrangements for holding the meeting at Aberystwyth, about the end of the year. Only two months have passed, says the Gorsedd, since it was determined to call together a meeting to discuss the disestablishment measure, and to decide what course should be adopted by the Welsh members in attending the next session of the National Council. It is up to this time that resolution, like many another before, has been allowed to become a dead letter. A sub-committee was appointed to make all the necessary arrangements, but the sub-committee has not been called together. . . . Among the members themselves there is a difference of opinion as to the details of the measure. The chasm yawns wide week by week, and nothing is being done. It is stated that the National Liberal Federation of England is about to pay a visit to Wales, and yet Wales herself is not moving in the matter to express, or even to form, a deliberate and united opinion on some elementary principles of the great measure which will claim the attention of the federation, the prime minister and parliament at the beginning of the year."

LI-HUNG CHANG.

Oh, Li-Hung-Chang was a wonderful man. And he lived in the land of tea; You have seen him pictured on many a fan— Such a wonderful man was he. And peacock feathers he gravely wore, And letters of state he wrote; He was up in martial knowledge and lore And they gave him a yellow coat. An honor great in the land of Ching. This omelet robe to wear, But Li-Hung-Chang, of whom I sing, He really did not care. Off he went on a royal spree, And whooped things up sky-high; He sailed about on the blue Yalee And drank of the Chinese rye. And they gathered his peacock feathers in; And they took his coat away; The last word he said "chin-chin," Because he had got too gay.

Deep he smokes till the air grows dim, Who did the guitar strung. For still he is Li-Hung-Chang. —Kate Masterson.

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A contemporary prints the following "don'ts" for babies and mothers of babies: "Don't put a wee, helpless baby to bed between two giants, for if the poor little thing is not crushed to death the monsters will absorb its vitality and leave it pale and lifeless. Don't let the baby sleep with its mouth open; place it on its side, smooth out its ears, and the chances in the pillow and sleep will be longer and sweeter. Snoring is a bad habit, for which mothers are entirely to blame. People who snore sleep on their backs with their mouth open when they were babies. Such babies invariably suffer from cold and throat troubles."

Never cover a wound wholly up with a piece of plaster; whatever be its size use narrow strips. Waver the plaster up by holding the back of it against a can of boiling water for a few seconds, then apply it across the wound leaving a small strip between each strip to give exit to the lymph. Remember that sticking plaster has no healing action in itself; the benefits derived from its use are of a purely mechanical nature. Clean cuts are better bound up with the blood, simply with a linen rag, for sticking plaster is of no use until the bleeding has ceased.

HEALTH FOR THE MILLION.

Wrap a piece of lint the size of an apple in a towel and hold it to your forehead, moving and replacing at intervals of a minute or two. This will relieve the pain. For catarrh of the stomach, take a half-teaspoonful of the phosphate of sodium in half-teaspoonful of water, three or four times a day before breakfast every day for weeks. One of the commonest causes (and one that is constantly overlooked) of neuralgia, is decay or disease of the teeth or of the nasal sinuses. The inflammation of the nose, ear or throat may cause it. Exposure to wet and cold frequently cause neuralgia.

Powdered pumice, lemon juice or vinegar and a small stick of tooth-pick will be found to clean black teeth. Dip the toothpick into the lemon juice, then rub on the pumice, and gently and lightly rub on the black spots. Use carefully lest the enamel be worn through. To avoid bad colds it is only necessary to avoid closing the pores of the skin, either rapidly, by checking perspiration, or slowly, by remaining asleep in a room where the air is not entirely closed by inaction in a cold atmosphere or room.

To stimulate the intestines, which have so much to do with the blemishes of the skin, some natural aperients, like mineral water, grapes, grape fruit, apples, etc., should be taken, to the exclusion of more nourishing foods. Besides head exercise, a little calisthenic or some other use in the water will tend to tighten the skin, and sea salt or Epsom salt will neutralize some of the oil below it. To remove dandruff, says the Philadelphia Record, brush a few times a day with a solution of sulphur in olive oil. Wash the scalp with a pint of green soap (a teaspoonful to a pint of warm water) once every week. Take arsenic red sulphuret .130 of a grain tablet, after each meal for three weeks to improve the complexion. Make a paste of sweet oil and red pepper and spread on the finger nails—no child will wish to nibble his nails if they be well kept.

A daily sponge bath of cold or tepid water, followed by brisk rubbing with a rough towel (preferably a crash towel), will do wonders for the skin. In addition to bathing one must have active out-of-door exercise. One should walk three miles every day. The diet must be the best to promote health. Foods that are easily digested, but serve this purpose. Do not drink tea or coffee; eat no pastry; do not eat between meals. If sweets are eaten they must be taken with the meals. Drink milk; drink water—two quarts every day. Sleep ten hours out of the twenty-four.

If your breath has a bad odor, have all decayed and unclean teeth treated by a dentist—then after this has been done keep the chest clear of all mucus by using a dry with a tooth powder composed of precipitated chalk one ounce, orris one-half an ounce. After each brushing rinse the mouth and use a solution of phenol solution, one tablespoonful to eight ounces of cold water. In addition to the care of the teeth one should avoid eating foods that affect the bowels—such as fish, onions, cabbage and radishes. Be sure that the bowels are freely moved every day.

Information Wanted. From the Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph. "Papa," said Johnny Snaggs to his male parent, "animals don't cry do they?" "No, Johnny." "Then what are these muleteers I read about?"

VISITORS' EARS AFFECTED.

An Amusing Experience of Many People That Visited the Eiffel Tower. From the Pittsburgh Dispatch. The lifts, or elevators, by means of which visitors reach the lofty third platform of the Eiffel tower at Paris, rise and fall at the rate of about 300 feet a minute, so that a person, descending, is let down a distance of more than 900 feet in about three minutes. Nine hundred feet represents a considerable difference in the density of the atmosphere, and the physical results of the sudden transition are manifest to many persons. To the writer, this difference was perceptible rather on the side of difficulty in filling the lungs was experienced as the third platform was reached. A gentleman occupying a seat in the left of me, however, was somewhat painfully affected by the descent. As we neared the earth he suddenly clapped his hand to his ear and gave utterance to a sharp exclamation of pain. "My ear!" he cried out. "I have a most excruciating pain in my right ear!"

For some moments he leaned against a girder, and seemed to experience relief only by pressing his palms closely against his cheek. The pain subsided immediately, however. Out of every hundred persons one or more is pretty sure to have a difficulty in the ear of this sort; and so commonly is the disease in this organ observed by those in charge of the holding apparatus, that when a tourist is seen nursing his ear, with a look of distress on his countenance, he is at once set down as afflicted with an "Eiffel ear."



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